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Jeff Koenings, Ph. D.
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Dear Dr. Koenings:

I want to thank you and your Aquatic Education Coordinator, Bonnie Long, for introducing us to the efforts of the Washington Wildlife Coalition's "Go Play Outside" Program. What a great concept.

Bonnie orchestrated a delightful presentation, along with coalition partners, to Fish and Wildlife Service staff during our celebration of Women's Equality Day on August 16th. You may have garnered a few participants for upcoming courses based on the comments I have heard from participants.

Your program is a success and obviously has enthusiastic participants based on all the smiling faces I saw in your program photos. We share a common goal of helping people connect with the outdoors and themselves, while fostering a sense of natural resource stewardship.

I enjoyed learning about your program, and I certainly appreciate the time and effort your staff contributed to making our celebration a success. I wish you all the best in the future as your agency delivers this exciting program aimed at connecting women with the outdoors.

Sincerely,

Acting Regional Director

cc: Bonnie Long, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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